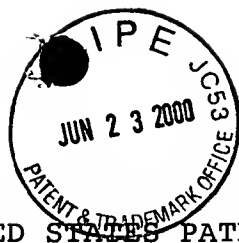


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In re Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 17, 1999 to Monday, June 19, 2000 (June 17, 2000 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$870.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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